All the Cantonment Boards of Uttaranchal provide basic civic amenities within the available resources. However, Special Grants-in-aid is given to supplement the expenditure for undertaking special developmental work whenever required by these Boards.

The amount proposed to be given to various Cantonment Boards in Uttaranchal under various heads during 2004-2005 is as follows:

(in Rupees)

S.No.	Name of Cantonment	Grants-in-aid	
		2002-2003	2003-2004
1.	Almora	15,00,000	6,94,644
2.	Chakrata	25,00,000	3,97,000
3.	Clement Town	70,00,000	29,32,361
4.	Dehradun	*Nil	1,37,67,216
5.	Landour	20,00,000	3,28,541
6.	Lansdowne	40,00,000	13,62,005
7.	Nainital	20,00,000	36,89,692
8.	Ranikhet	35,00,000	37,51,198
9.	Roorkee	**Nil	**Nil

* Dehradun was not allotted any grants-in-aid as there was no demand.

** No grants-in-aid or service charge has been allotted to Roorkee, because firstly, it is a self-sufficient Board and secondly, the first allotment of service charges out of "vote on account" was made to only deficit Cantonment Boards.

Payment due to H.P. Sainik Kalyan Board

†1485. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Himachal Pradesh had requested the Director General, Bandobast, Ministry of Defence, Government of India, *vide* its letter dated 14th May, 2003, to make an early payment of Rs. 51.85 lakhs due to Himachal Pradesh Sainik Kalyan

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Board, Hamirpur on behalf of Central Sainik Kalyan Board, Government of India as its share of 50 per cent;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon and the reasons for its lying pending so far, and

(c) by when the remaining amount would be released to Himachal, Pradesh Sainik Kalyan Board, Hamirpur?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE). (a) Directorate General of Resettlement, Ministry of Defence have not received any letter dated 14th May 2003 from Government of Himachal Pradesh for early payment of Rs 51.85 lakhs for payment of 50% Central Share.

However, it is a fact that an amount of Rs. 50.85 lakhs is due for payment to Himachal Pradesh Sainik Kalyan Board.

(b) The advance claim of Rs 50.85 lakhs on the basis of sanctioned budget estimates received from the State Administration, was approved by the Kendriya Sainik Board and forwarded to Principal Controller of Defence Accounts, Chandigarh for payment in July, 2000. It was lost in transit/misplaced at PCDA Chandigarh.

The amount remained unpaid and undetected as State Government neither projected it as additional requirement of funds nor included it in its final bill

(c) State Government have been asked to project the requirement afresh alongwith the claim for 2004-2005. The dues will be cleared as and when the claim is received and funds become available.

Allowing women to participate in ground combat missions

1486. SHRIMATI N P DURGA. Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to assign jobs for women in ground combat missions, apart from allowing them to serve in engineering medical, signals etc.

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?